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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WILLIAM R. BRANCH,
Plaintiff

v.

MR. RUSSIAN, et. al.,
Defendants

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: CIVIL NO. 1:CV-00-1728
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: (Judge Rambo)
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FILED
HARRISBURG, PA

JAN 29 2002

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Plaintiff, William Branch, an inmate confined at the State Correctional Institution, Waymart, Pennsylvania, filed this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Currently before the court is Plaintiff's motion for discovery (Doc. 63) filed on January 14, 2002. Said document will be construed as a motion to compel discovery. Plaintiff has also filed a motion entitled "motion to add exhibit AA-8 . . ." (Doc. 62). Plaintiff's motion to compel discovery will be dismissed as premature. Plaintiff's motion to add exhibit will be granted.

Pursuant to court order dated January 14, 2002, Plaintiff and Defendants were directed to complete discovery in 30 days and file dispositive motions within 60 days of the order. Local Rule 5.4(b) states that requests for documents shall be served

upon other counsel and parties but shall not be filed with the court except as authorized by a provision of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or upon an order of the court. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(2) states, in relevant part, that:

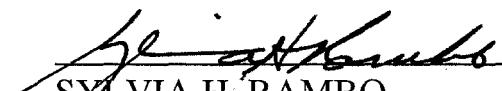
[I]f a party, in response to a request for inspection submitted under Rule 34, . . . fails to permit inspection as requested, the discovering party may move for an order . . . compelling inspection in accordance with the request. The motion must include a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the person or party failing to make the discovery in an effort to secure the information or material without court action.

Plaintiff's motion did not include a certification that Branch has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with Defendants regarding his discovery requests. Plaintiff must first request the documents directly from Defendants. Because Plaintiff failed to comply with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(2), and appears to have failed to comply with Middle District Local Rule 5.4(b), his motion to compel discovery will be dismissed as premature.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Plaintiff's motion for discovery will be construed to be a motion to compel discovery. (Doc. 63). Said motion is **dismissed** as premature.

2. Plaintiff's motion (Doc. 62) to add exhibit AA-8 is **granted**.¹



SYLVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Judge

Dated: January 29, 2002.

¹The actual exhibit was improperly docketed with the motion for discovery (Doc. 63).

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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January 29, 2002

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Defendant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Warden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bureau of Prisons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ct Reporter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ctroom Deputy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Orig-Security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Federal Public Defender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Summons Issued	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	with N/C attached to complt. and served by: U.S. Marshal () Pltf's Attorney ()
Standard Order 93-5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Order to Show Cause	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	with Petition attached & mailed certified mail to: US Atty Gen () PA Atty Gen () DA of County () Respondents ()
Bankruptcy Court	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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